



NIAID HIV Vaccine Research Education Initiative

Bridging research and community in search of an HIV vaccine

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) HIV Vaccine Research Education Initiative (NHVREI) is reaching out to communities most impacted by HIV and historically under-represented in HIV vaccine research in the United States. The need for an HIV vaccine has never been greater since vaccines are one of public health's most effective weapons against disease. Today, thanks to vaccines, millions of people are free from devastating diseases like polio and measles.

Community leadership and support has been essential to our nation's progress in HIV prevention, testing, treatment and care. Community is especially needed to support the HIV vaccine discovery process.

Networks of Support

NHVREI works with community leaders and leading organizations that represent Black and Latino communities and men who have sex with men (MSM) of all racial and ethnic groups. Through formal and informal partnerships, the NHVREI provides information, resources and support so that opinion leaders and their communities are better equipped to inform their communities about HIV vaccine research.

Building Relationships

NIAID has selected the Academy for Educational Development (AED), a trusted leader and ally in community health, to implement the NHVREI and build relationships with community leaders and organizations that will increase understanding about and support for HIV vaccine research in the U.S.

"We are at an important point on the road to the development of a preventive HIV vaccine. We must make a concerted effort now to ensure that the communities most impacted by the HIV epidemic have information about and are engaged in the research process."

MARGARET JOHNSTON, PH.D.,
DIRECTOR OF NIAID'S VACCINE RESEARCH PROGRAM

Creating Partnerships

The NHVREI partnership program builds capacity within community organizations and among key opinion leaders —expanding their ability to build understanding of vaccine research among the priority populations especially in local areas where HIV vaccine clinical trials are ongoing or planned.



“At first I didn’t understand HIV vaccine research. Now that I do I want others to know how important it is that together we discover a vaccine against HIV.”

REV. DORIS GREEN, NHVREI LOCAL PARTNER, CHICAGO, IL.

LOCAL PARTNERS

NHVREI Local Partners seek to create a supportive local environment for HIV vaccine research.

- AIDS ALABAMA | BIRMINGHAM, AL
- AIDS FOUNDATION OF CHICAGO | CHICAGO, IL
- AIDS PROJECT EAST BAY | OAKLAND, CA
- AIDS PROJECT LOS ANGELES | LOS ANGELES, CA
- THE DC CENTER | WASHINGTON, DC
- ENTRE HERMANOS | SEATTLE, WA
- GAY CITY HEALTH PROJECT | SEATTLE, WA
- GAY MEN OF AFRICAN DESCENT | NEW YORK CITY, NY
- LATIN AMERICAN HEALTH INSTITUTE | BOSTON, MA
- MOCHA CENTER | BUFFALO, NY
- MULTICULTURAL AIDS COALITION | BOSTON, MA
- PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF MIDDLE AND EAST TENNESEE | NASHVILLE, TN
- THE SAFEGUARDS PROJECT/THE LGBT HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER | PHILADELPHIA, PA
- SAN FRANCISCO AIDS FOUNDATION | SAN FRANCISCO, CA
- SISTERLOVE, INC. | ATLANTA, GA
- US HELPING US | WASHINGTON, DC

NHVREI NATIONAL PARTNERS:

Raising support for HIV vaccine research, national partners tap into their extensive networks and reach deep into communities most affected by HIV/AIDS with education and information:

- AIDS ACTION FOUNDATION
- AIDS ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
- NATIONAL AIDS EDUCATION SERVICES FOR MINORITIES
- NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL AIDS DIRECTORS
- NATIONAL MINORITY AIDS COUNCIL

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND INFORMATION SOURCES

NHVREI materials present the science of vaccine research in easy-to-understand concepts. Be The Generation is the current NHVREI educational theme.



MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Integrating mass media outreach with community-based programs is a core strategy for NVHREI. Media related activities include radio outreach, PSA placement, and local and national partner media outreach education.

Be the generation to end AIDS by supporting HIV vaccine research.



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